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WAY BACK, WHEN OUR COUNTRY WAS YOUNG, THE WEST WAS STILL EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI AND THE TRULY GREAT AMERICANS WERE THE INTREPID PIONEERS OF THE BACKWOODS OF NEW YORK, PENNSYLVANIA AND OHIO— WHERE THE WOODS WERE THICK AND SOWN WITH SUDDEN DEATH... THE GREATEST OF THE BACKWOODSMEN WAS **DAN BRAND** — ANCESTOR OF STEVE BRAND — AND HIS LITTLE INDIAN FRIEND, **TIPI**, WHO BLAZED NEW TRAILS OF ADVENTURE FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW, PUSHING CIVILIZATION AND JUSTICE ACROSS THE CONTINENT OF THE "NEW" WORLD! HERE WAS WHITE AMERICAN AND BROWN AMERICAN FIGHTING COMMON DEADLY ENEMIES SIDE BY SIDE!

OF COURSE DAN BRAND WASN'T **ALWAYS** A PIONEER. NO, THERE WAS A TIME...

I'LL SHOW YOU WHO'S THE FOOL...!
NO! DON'T SHOOT! PETER, PLEASE DON'T —OH-H-H-H-H...
LUCY! LUCY!

SHE TRIED TO PROTECT HIM.
LUCY! DARLING — SPEAK! ...SHE'S DEAD! OH, LUCY!

I WANT BRADFORD! BRING HIM TO ME!
HE'S DISAPPEARED! HE MUST HAVE ESCAPED IN ALL THE EXCITEMENT!

A FEW DAYS LATER, AT THE FUNERAL...
I HAVE BUT ONE PURPOSE IN LIVING NOW--TO MAKE BRADFORD PAY FOR THIS!
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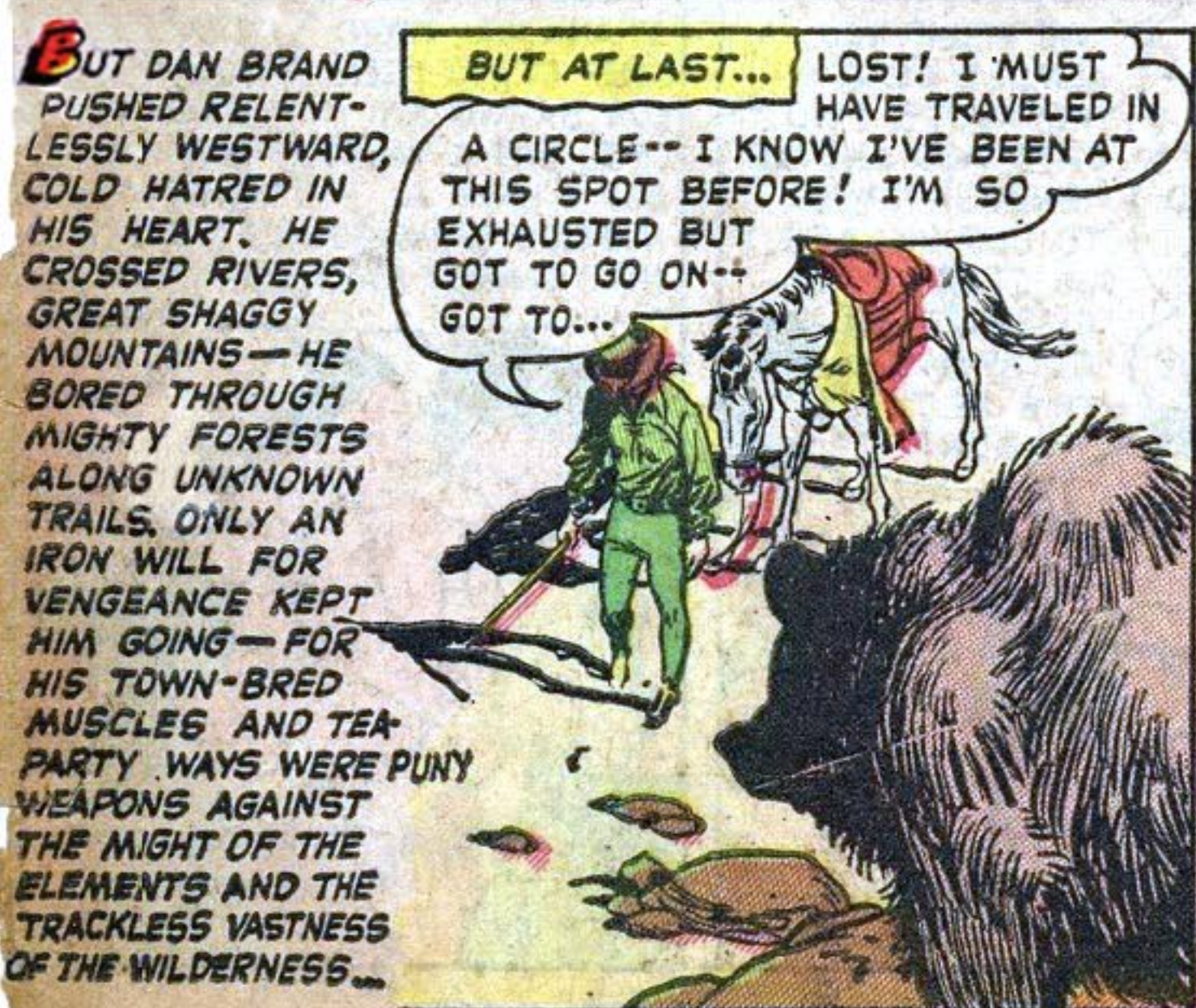
BRADFORD'S TRAIL LED WESTWARD!
YUP, STRANGER ANSWERIN' TO YER DESCRIPTION PASSED THROUGH HERE AFORE YESTIDDY--ON THE TRAIL FOR FORT BEDFORD, AN IN A HURRY TOO. BUT I WARN YE, YOUNG FELLER--IT'S MIGHTY RUGGED OUT THERE FOR A TOWN-BRED CHAP LIKE YOU!

BUT DAN BRAND PUSHED RELENTLESSLY WESTWARD, COLD HATRED IN HIS HEART. HE CROSSED RIVERS, GREAT SHAGGY MOUNTAINS—HE BORED THROUGH MIGHTY FORESTS ALONG UNKNOWN TRAILS. ONLY AN IRON WILL FOR VENGEANCE KEPT HIM GOING—FOR HIS TOWN-BRED MUSCLES AND TEA-PARTY WAYS WERE PUNY WEAPONS AGAINST THE MIGHT OF THE ELEMENTS AND THE TRACKLESS VASTNESS OF THE WILDERNESS...
BUT AT LAST...
LOST! I MUST HAVE TRAVELED IN A CIRCLE-- I KNOW I'VE BEEN AT THIS SPOT BEFORE! I'M SO EXHAUSTED BUT GOT TO GO ON-- GOT TO...

A BEAR! MY RIFLE...!

THUNDER! I MUST HAVE WET MY POWDER IN THAT LAST STREAM! IF I CAN GET TO MY KNIFE IN TIME...!
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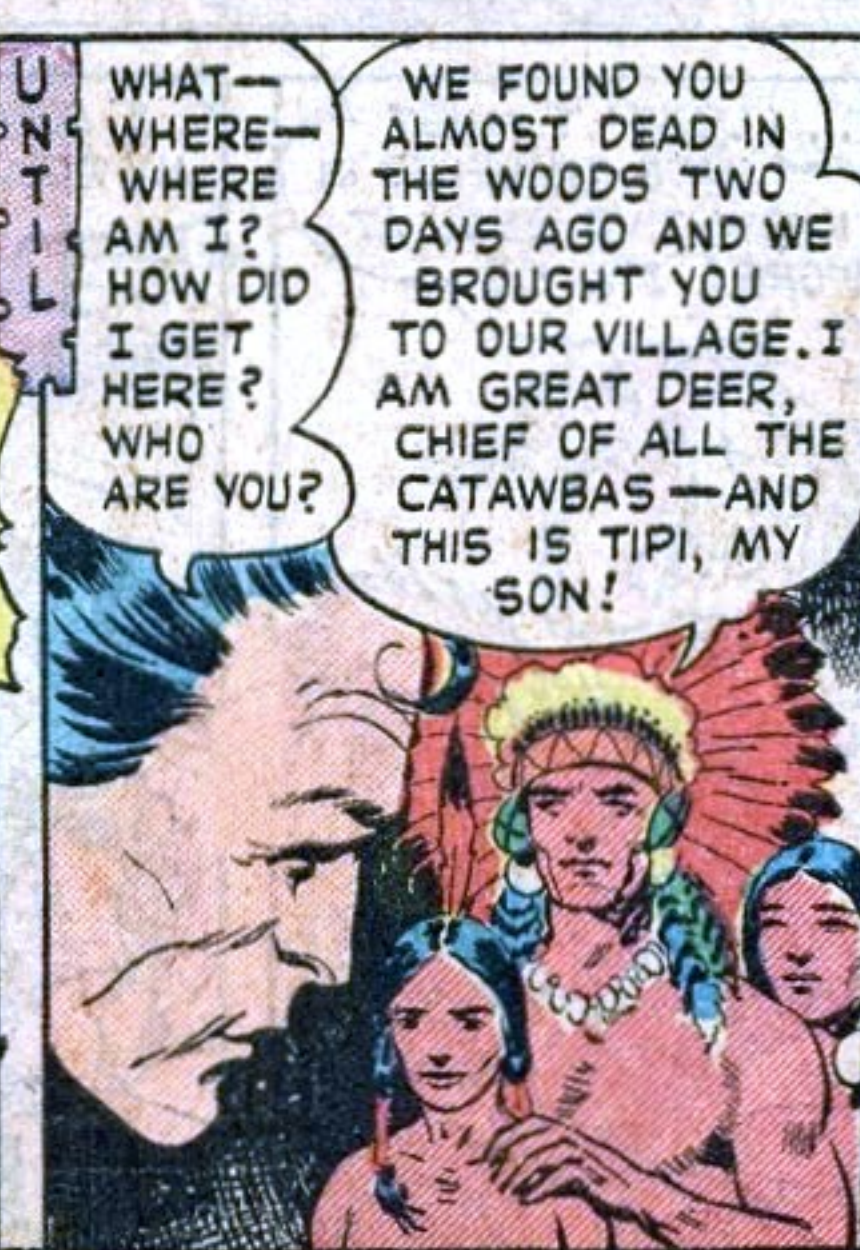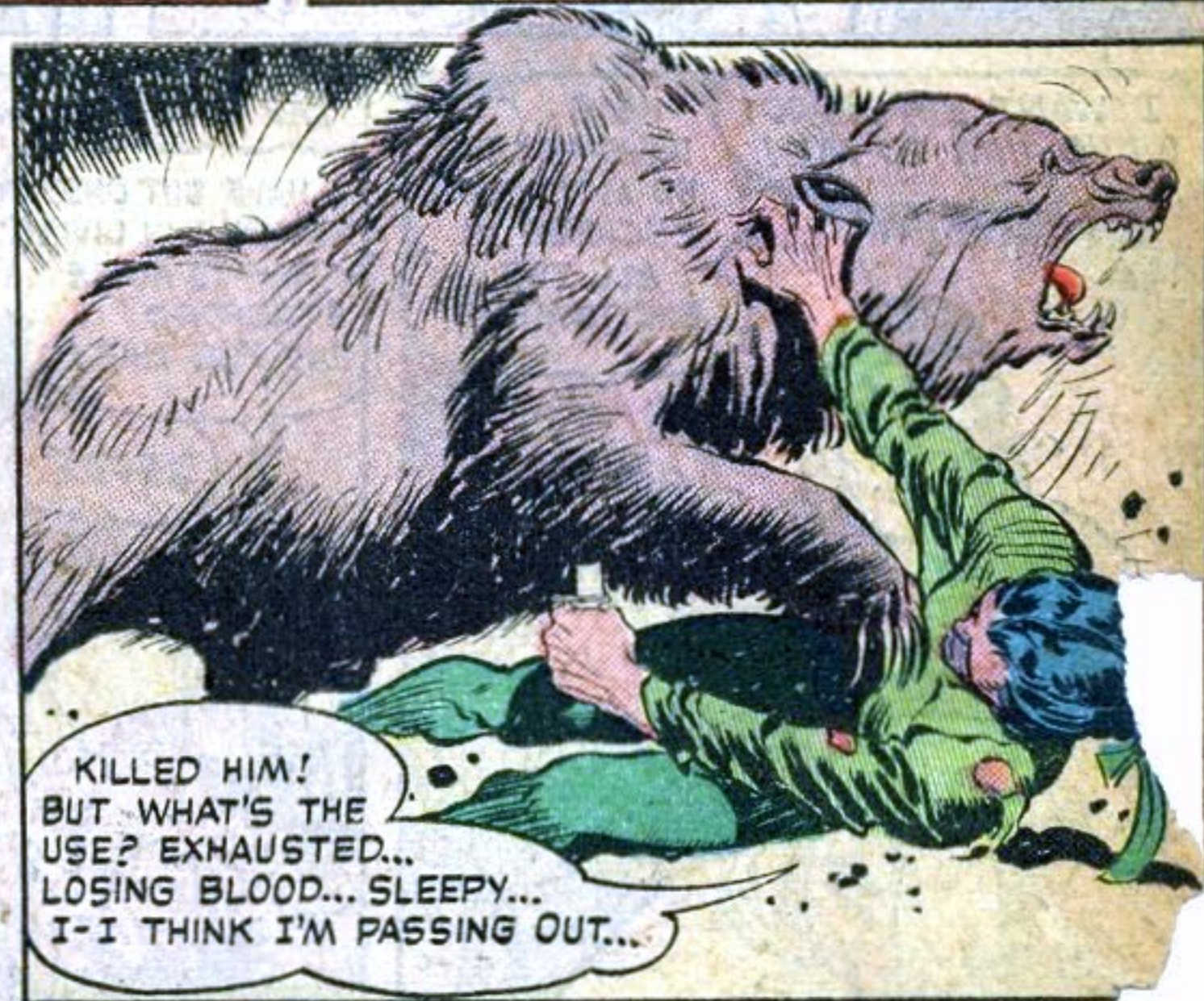
DAN DUCKS THE ONSLAUGHT OF THE ENRAGED BEAST OF THE FOREST, BUT A SLASHING BLOW FROM THE SLEDGEHAMMER PAW...

AGH!
RRRAGH-R-R-R!

MY ARM—IT'S BROKEN—USELESS! THIS IS THE FINISH, DAN BRAND... GO OUT FIGHTING...

KILLED HIM! BUT WHAT'S THE USE? EXHAUSTED... LOSING BLOOD... SLEEPY... I-I THINK I'M PASSING OUT...

THE PRIMEVAL WILDERNESS, BROODING BLINDLY OVER LIFE AND DEATH AND VIOLENCE, CLAIMS ITS OWN! OMINOUS SILENCE GRIPS THE FOREST ONCE AGAIN AND DARKNESS DRAWS A VEIL OVER DAN BRAND, PLUNGING HIM INTO A HALF-SLEEP, HALF-DEATH. MINUTES, HOURS, DAYS— THEY'RE ALL THE SAME IN THAT BLACK, BLIND PIT FROM WHICH SO FEW RETURN...

UNTIL
WHAT— WHERE— WHERE AM I? HOW DID I GET HERE? WHO ARE YOU?
WE FOUND YOU ALMOST DEAD IN THE WOODS TWO DAYS AGO AND WE BROUGHT YOU TO OUR VILLAGE. I AM GREAT DEER, CHIEF OF ALL THE CATAWBAS—AND THIS IS TIPI, MY SON!

THANK YOU, THEN, CHIEF GREAT DEER, FOR SAVING MY LIFE. BUT I MUST GO! I HAVE A MISSION OF VENGEANCE THAT CANNOT WAIT, I-I...
CAREFUL! YOU ARE STILL TOO WEAK, MY BOY! CATCH HIM, TIPI!

WEEKS PASSED BY...

A FINE SHOT! YOU PICKED UP HIS TRAIL WITH CLEVERNESS AND YOU KEPT HIM BETWEEN THE WIND AND YOU, SO HE WOULD NOT PICK UP YOUR MAN SMELL! YOU ARE A GOOD PUPIL, MY BOY!

YOU'LL STAY WITH US, WON'T YOU, DAN BRAND -- AND BE MY BROTHER?

SWIFTLY NOW, A NEW DAN BRAND, WISE TO THE WAYS OF THE FOREST, FOLLOWS THE TRAIL OF THE RETREATING CHIPPEWAS...

THEY SCATTERED HERE! WHISKEY IN THE AIR! —THIS MUST BE WHERE BRADFORD DISTRIBUTED THE FIRE WATER AND RIFLES. AH, HOOF MARKS, MANY OF THEM! —HE MUST HAVE BROUGHT UP HIS STUFF BY MULE TRAIN. THERE! HE WENT THAT WAY, ALONE!

A TWO-MILE SPRINT—AND...
BRADFORD! AT LAST!
DAN BRAND!

NOT FAST ENOUGH, BRADFORD!
CRACK!

A KNIFE THROUGH YOUR HEART IS AS GOOD AS A RIFLE BALL, BRAND!

SAVE YOUR ROTTEN BREATH, BRADFORD— YOU'LL NEED IT!

SAVE YOUR OWN BREATH, BRAND...!

...AND SAY YOUR LAST WORDS! MAKE IT A PRAYER!

Yii-ii-i-i! WHAT TH---!
TIPI! BLESS YOU, LITTLE WARRIOR!

THAT'S FOR GREAT DEER!

AND THIS IS FOR LUCY!

MY MISSION IS OVER, TIPI!
WE ARE AVENGED, DAN BRAND!

AND I'LL NEVER LEAVE YOUR SIDE, DAN—I'LL KEEP FOLLOWING YOU, WHEREVER YOU GO. WE HAVE KILLED OUR GREATEST ENEMY SIDE BY SIDE AND WE ARE BLOOD BROTHERS. I HAVE NO ONE ELSE IN THE WORLD TO LOVE!

I HAVE NO ONE EITHER, TIPI—NO ONE TO LOVE! I THINK I HAVE FOUND MY HOME AND MY FUTURE HERE— IN THE WILDS!

AND I WITH YOU...
OF COURSE— BROTHER...